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IN REPLY PLEASE

REFER TO FILE: **PD-3**

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**PROJECT NO. 3872—LOW-FLOW DIVERSION AT LINCOLN AVENUE
CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 3 AND 4
3 VOTES**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Find that Project No. 3872—Low-Flow Diversion at Lincoln Avenue is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the project is to improve the water quality of urban runoff that discharges to the receiving drainage system and eventually the ocean. The proposed low-flow diversion system consists of installing a submersible pump to divert the nonstorm flow to a sewer line. The system will consist of constructing a low-flow system on Lincoln Boulevard just downstream of the storm drain in private property. The project will also involve construction of 3,000 feet of 8-inch polyethylene pipe that will divert low flows to a City of Los Angeles sewer system. The modification of 23 catch basins will also be necessary to properly intercept the low flow.

In accordance with the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, we request your concurrence that the proposed project is categorically exempt. A Notice of Exemption will be prepared and posted for public review.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This action is consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence. By implementing the proposed improvements, residents of the County will benefit from lower bacterial amounts in urban runoff that can have adverse health consequences to the general public.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There is no impact to the County's General Fund. Funding for preliminary engineering for the project is included in the Flood Control District Fund for Fiscal Year 2005-06. The proposed project, including filing fees, for Project No. 3872–Low-Flow Diversion is estimated to cost \$1,120,000. A construction contract will be advertised for bids at a later date contingent on your approval of this action.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The recommended finding is in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act and is required prior to the filing of the Notice of Exemption with the County Clerk.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The California Environmental Quality Act requires public agency decision makers to document and consider the environmental implications of their action. The project qualifies for a categorical exemption pursuant to Section 15301(b) of the California Environmental Quality Act guidelines and Class1(e) and (l) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines.

Upon approval of the exemption by your Board, a \$25 handling fee will be paid to the County Clerk for filing a Notice of Exemption in accordance with the requirements of Section 21152(a) of the California Public Resources Code.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The project will not have a significant impact on current services or projects currently planned.

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CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel